

SENATOR KAHLE: I will skip part of it, "...because of the threat of bluetongue contamination, Australia, New Zealand, and the United Kingdom accept U.S. beef cattle imports only after a series of tests. Uneconomical to the U.S. producer, the blockage of trade results in twenty to thirty million U.S. export loss each year". And it goes on to say that confinement systems which we're looking at in the future, and we already have some of them, promotes lesser spread of disease, greater disease control will lead to increased production and efficiency and profit in confinement operations. What I am saying to you today is we are not talking about today. We are not even talking about tomorrow. We are talking about twenty, thirty years from now when I am sure I won't need any beef anymore but my offspring will and I would like to think that we did something for them in the days that we are at the helm of this ship called Nebraska. Thank you.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Vickers, then Senator Lamb, then Senator Haberman. Senator Vickers.

SENATOR VICKERS: Mr. President and members, I rise to support the Warner amendment. I would like to point out first of all that Senator Kahle just got through mentioning that those of us who have spoke have never supported the vet school. 357 four years ago wouldn't have got out of the Education Committee if I hadn't voted to put it out. I voted for it the first time on General File and then I found out that some people who will remain unnamed, but they know who they are, out here at the University of Nebraska lied to us in the committee and I started asking some of my own questions, starting putting together some of my own file, and switched positions simply because I don't have to be spoon-fed information. I can find out information for myself. You know I mentioned earlier that I knew a little something about vet schools because I had a son that had graduated and I have got another son who applied and didn't get in. Son #2 has a degree in Animal Science. Guess who is the most important part of our operation? The one with the degree in Animal Science. You know we talk a lot about how if we have a vet school how we are going to cut down on the death losses in rural Nebraska because of the livestock losses, how much that costs us in millions of dollars a year, and the assumption is made that if we have a veterinarian standing on every street corner or a Nebraska trained veterinarian, a veterinarian trained for "large animal practice", I don't know just exactly how you do that, that we will eliminate somehow that large loss. I will tell you who is the one that would help eliminate that large loss and that is training the producers.